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1. ACCORDING TO JAMAICAN DAILY NEWS STORY SEPT 23, TALKS BETWEEN THE GOJ BAUXITE COMMISSION AND BAUXITE COMPANIES ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME OCT 1. THE TALKS WOULD CONCERN THREE ISSUES: GOJ EQUITY PARTICIPATION; RE-ACQUISITION OF BAUXITE LANJX; AND CONTROL OF MINING RIGHTS. THESE CHANGES WERE NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE GOJ TO EXPAND PRESENT BAUXITE-ALUMINA PRODUCTION TO MEET NEEDS OF PROPOSED SMELTER IN TJGNIDAD AND TO EXPAND SMELTING FACILITIES IN MEXICO.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, IT WAS HOPED THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE COMPLETED BY YEAR END, ALTHOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY COULD CONTINUE INTO 1975 SINCE NEGOTIATIONS

DID NOT RESUME IN JUNE AS PLANNED. THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON A COMPANY BY COMPANY BASIS BEGINNING WITH KAISER. THE GOJ TEAM WOULD BE HEADED BY PATRICK ROUSSEAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE BAUXITE COMMISSION, AND WOULD BE THE SAME AS BEFORE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALISTAIRE MCINTYRE, NOW CARICOM SECRETARY GENERAL.

3. IN A RELATED ARTICLE, THE DAILY NEWS REPORTED THAT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOJ BAUXITE COMMISSION AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEXICAN ALUMINA INDUSTRY WERE HELD LAST WEEK. THE TALKS CONCERNED PLANS TO ESTABLISH A GOJ OWNED ALUMINA PLANT WITH 600,000 TONS CAPACITY. THE JOINT JAMAICAN/MEXICAN WORKING GROUP WAS IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE ALUMINA INDUSTRY MADE BETWEEN P.. MANLEY AND MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DURING THE LATTER'S RECENT VISIT HERE.
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